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SUMMARY: ADB HAS ISSUED PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT,
INCLUDING WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS AND EVALUATION OF ITS
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WORK. FINAL REPORT TO BE ISSUED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

1. ADB DOC IN 17-73, REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT, DTD 13 MAR 73 POUCHED ADDRESSEES 14 MAR CONTAINS SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS OF SUBJECT WORKSHOP HELD 8-27 JAN, ALSO SCHEDULE AND LISTS OF PARTICIPANTS AND OF FIELD DISCUSSIONS IN PHILIPPINES, THAILAND AND INDONESIA.

2. WORKSHOP CONSIDERED THREE STEPS NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFUL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS: EXPERIMENTAL FARM FOR LOCATION- SPECIFIC RESEARCH; PILOT SCHEME FOR OPERATIONAL SCALE DEMONSTRATION IN WATER MANAGEMENT AND MODERN FARMING TECHNIQUES; AND PIONEER PROJECT, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AS MODEL OF FULL- SCALE IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT. FIRST TWO STEPS SHOULD START AT LEAST TWO YEARS BEFORE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED.

PIONEER PROJECT IMPORTANT WHEN PROJECT PART OF AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN INCLUDING RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE: CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF TERMINAL IRRIGATION NETWORKS AS INTEGRAL PART OF PROJECT TO BE DONE BY GOVT AGENCY IN COLLABORATION WITH FARMERS TO ENSURE COMPLETION ON TIME; PREPARE IRRIGATION LAYOUT IN COMBINATION WITH DRAINAGE AND ROAD NETWORKS; DO ON- SITE COUNTERPART TRAINING AND OVERSEAS TRAINING; ORGANIZE FARMERS INTO BASIC GROUPS OF 20-25 FOR WATER MANAGEMENT.

3. FINAL REPORT DUE NEXT FEW MONTHS. PART I TO CONTAIN GUIDELINES FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS. PART II TO CONTAIN PROCEEDINGS, PLUS SUBSTANCE OF " NANUAL ON IRRIGATION WATER MANGEMENT" GROWING OUT OF ADB' S 1970 WATER MANAGEMENT TA TO PHILIPPINES.

4. MANAGEMENT FEELS WORKSHOP ACHIEVED ORIGINAL PURPOSES TO HELP EXPEDITE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION ADB IRRIGATION PROJECTS, AND BY ASSEMBLING FIELD EXPERIENCE TO HELP IMPROVE ADB PROCEDURES FOR IRRIGATION PROJECT PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.
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